

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING SHRI
NARENDRA MODI ON HIS
RECORD-BREAKING VICTORY AS
INDIA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate India's next Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his resounding and historic victory. The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) victory on May 16, 2014 is the first time after Independence that a non-Congress party has got absolute majority on its own, and Narendra Modi is the reason why.

His victory is India's victory and, while history will remember India's 2014 elections as unprecedented, I will remember the 2014 elections as a triumph. The people of India have triumphed, and I join with them in this momentous celebration of new development for all.

As a token of friendship and in commemoration of the fulfillment of his destiny to lift up the masses, assure social justice, and bring new hope for any and all who, like him, step forward and transform challenges into opportunities by sheer strength of character and courage, a flag was flown over the United States Capitol at my request in honor of him on April 7, 2014, to mark victory's dawn.

I pay tribute to Shri Modi for his clarion call for change, to save a nation from ruin. I applaud his leadership and recognize his victory—the people's victory—in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD becomes part of U.S. history and I firmly believe Shri Narendra Modi should be included not only in the annals of India's history but U.S. history, too, because he was elected with a resounding victory despite the United States using every recourse it could to disrupt his destiny.

The U.S.-India partnership should be, could be, one of the most defining of the 21st century. But, I am disappointed that the United States failed to develop a strong friendship and comprehensive partnership with Shri Narendra Modi when it mattered most. U.S.-India relations matter strategically, politically, and economically. And even if they didn't matter, the United States should be a fair and honest broker about human rights. Regrettably, in the case of India, the United States missed the mark by responding one way to the 2002 Gujarat riots, another way to the Godhra train burning which led up to the riots, and still another way to the largest ethnic cleansing since the partition of India in which between 300,000 to 500,000 Kashmiri Hindus since 1990 have migrated due to persecution.

Nonetheless, despite the United States getting it wrong with India, Shri Narendra Modi is looking ahead. He is dedicated. He is determined. He is dynamic. He is different. He is the leader of the world's largest democracy. And he is the key player for improved relations between the U.S. and India. As Shri Narendra

Modi assumes his mantle as India's next Prime Minister, I have every confidence he will cut across caste, creed and religion and bring alive the dreams of over a billion Indians, and a world that needs his leadership.

As he promised, "Good days are coming." And so, they are. I have personally met with Shri Modi as far back as 2010 and I know him to be a sincere man who stands against corruption and for inclusive growth and development. Shri Modi is a man of vision and he, together with each and every citizen of India, will create something special—an India that will assume its destined role.

Without a doubt, Prime Minister Modi will usher in India's new era. He will make the 21st century India's century. This is his destiny. And so, once more, I congratulate Shri Narendra Modi on his path-breaking campaign, and I praise BJP Party President Rajnath Singh for working shoulder-to-shoulder with Shri Modi to ensure that the spirit of democracy has triumphed. I also commend Mr. Sanjay Puri, Founder and President of USINPAC, for championing the cause and work of Shri Narendra Modi early on in the U.S. Congress when India's next Prime Minister was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Above all, I praise Prime Minister Modi's parents who gave rise to him, especially his mother whose blessings he sought. From his beginnings as a son of a tea seller to a landslide and ground-breaking victor, I wish Shri Modi godspeed on his poetic journey forward as India's next Prime Minister.

TRIBUTE TO DR. E. DEWEY SMITH, JR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Dr. E. Dewey Smith, Jr., is celebrating ten years (10) in pastoral leadership this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Greater Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Dr. E. Dewey

Smith, Jr., as he celebrates ten years in pastoral leadership at Greater Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 23, 2014 as Dr. E. Dewey Smith, Jr. Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 23rd day of March, 2014.

HONORING MS. MARY ANN TYLER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding young lady making a difference in her school and her life. She is a student at West Tallahatchie High School in Tallahatchie County, MS, Ms. Mary Ann Tyler.

Ninth grade is a time when most fourteen year olds are just entering their first year of high school and getting acclimated to it. Ms. Tyler's life changed in the ninth grade. She became a teenage mother. But she did not let that change define her future.

Ms. Tyler said she started believing in herself and taking steps to define and construct her future. She started by attending class more often, turning those absences into presents; she began joining school organizations and clubs. Those among other changes have been the turning point of life.

There is a saying that "attitude can help determine your altitude." Well, Ms. Tyler has embraced that philosophy which has yielded her some positive returns. During her tenth grade year, she joined the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and the Student Government Association (SGA) where she did more than just join, she was elected by her peers as the secretary. Organization and reliability is a great attribute.

As a member of the Future Business Leaders of America she progressed to the state competition to represent her school and there she placed third in the Community Service Project division of the FBLA competition.

The years just kept getting better and the growth and development in Ms. Tyler was starting to take notice. She rejoined the FBLA and SGA school organizations in her junior year of high school. This time she served as the Vice-President of both organizations, a position bestowed upon her through the voting process of peer election. She was also inducted into the Beta Club and voted the "Most Improved Student."

By the time Ms. Tyler was a senior in high school, leadership was natural and parenting was a role that she did not take for granted. She not only wanted to challenge herself to reach higher ground but, she also wanted to use her climb as an example for her child, knowing that someday she would tell her story of being a teen mom but not letting that define her future. During her senior year, Ms. Tyler became the president of SGA and the treasurer of the Beta Club.

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Her grade point average has soared to 3.79, which was commendable, given her responsibilities.

Ms. Tyler's plans beyond high school include college with her sights set on a degree in Business Administration, then on to graduate school to pursue her MBA. You see all those years in FBLA and SGA have paid off because they have motivated her to think about her future. She has a dream of owning her own business. I am proud to have Ms. Tyler as a citizen of the Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Mary Ann Tyler, an amazing student for her dedication to succeed.

COMMEMORATING MT. VERNON'S
ZIP CODE DAY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mt. Vernon, Iowa, as they commemorate May 23, 2014 (5-23-14) as zip code day.

Historic Mount Vernon, Iowa, is home to 4500 residents, including 1200 college students enrolled at Cornell College. Located in Eastern Iowa, the city boasts a vibrant uptown business community with numerous antique and specialty stores, restaurants, coffee houses, commercial art galleries, and three National Historic Districts.

Mt. Vernon also has a proud history of firsts in our nation's history including having one of the country's first curbside recycling programs and first community-designed and built playgrounds.

I am proud to have the opportunity to represent 52314 in Congress and applaud Mt. Vernon for achieving so much in the proud 177 years since the first settlers arrived in 1837.

HONORING THE 2014 AMHERST
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL
BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the honorees of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Awards Luncheon and Showcase here today. Each business/business leader has done their part to lead by example, demonstrating leadership in the business community and a shared dedication to improving the economic conditions of our region. As small businesses, they are in a unique position to not only push the community forward through job growth, but also to test drive new products and ways of doing business that will no doubt have a lasting impact in the world around us.

With a motto of "We Want Better", Block Club has been working on improving not only their customers' brands, but also strengthening the brand of the entire Western New York (WNY) area. Being featured in such pub-

lications as the Boston Herald and the Washington Post, Block Club has demonstrated to the rest of the country some of the outstanding work accomplished right here at home. I commend this year's Trailblazer Award recipient, Patrick Finan, Founder & Principal of Block Club.

Another individual being honored today is Maureen Munzert from Key Bank. Maureen has utilized her expertise in financing and the banking industries to better serve her clients and her strong record of accomplishments have led her to being recognized here today. Maureen's ability to go beyond a banking role and truly become a financial partner to her clients is exemplary. Her dedication to guidance and leadership is expressed not only in leading junior members of her team, but also her being a champion of the Key4Women sub-organization. I am pleased to recognize this year's Small Business Advocate of the Year, Maureen Munzert.

Dr. Lavigne is another individual who has had a great impact on the community. As a leader of many business support programs in the WNY region, not to mention her stewardship of the NYS Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, Dr. Lavigne has driven economic returns of over 60:1. This incredible stewardship of governmental funding has seen hundreds of new jobs created and demonstrated Dr. Lavigne's excellence in utilizing public funds for the public good. It is my honor to recognize Dr. Marnie Lavigne as this year's Community Stewardship Award recipient.

EnergyMark is a company which is leading the way in being an active business community member. Through model leadership, EnergyMark has helped countless aspiring community leaders through internships at both the undergraduate and master's level programs. Furthermore, in creating their space in the market, EnergyMark is allowing its customer to grow faster through innovative savings that have kept over 5 million dollars in the hands of local business for their own growth and development. I commend this year's Award of Excellence recipient, Energy Mark, LLC.

One of the newest additions to our city will be the HARBORCENTER facility opening later this year. The culmination of many proud accomplishments, the HARBORCENTER will provide 2 NHL sized hockey rinks and numerous support facilities around the venue including a hotel, restaurants, and training facilities which will compliment the development occurring on our waterfront. This project will be an attraction for families in our region and beyond and will boost the economic conditions of Downtown Buffalo. Under the leadership of John Koelmel, the HARBORCENTER is likely to generate nearly 2,000 jobs and a projected \$48 million dollars in state and local taxes. I applaud the work of all those involved with the HARBORCENTER project and congratulate you on your Sponsor's Award from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

Lougen Valenti Bookbinder & Weintraub LLP are actively working to redefine how a CPA firm can be a part of the community. Balancing an approach of personal attention and national firm level resources, LVBW has pooled over 100 collective years of experience to serve clients from single employee businesses to multi-national corporations. While this alone is a tremendous accomplishment,

the team at LVBW pushes further, encouraging employee volunteerism and providing assistance to such notable local charities as the WNY Foodbank, United Way Day of Caring, and Journey's End. I am pleased to recognize Lougen Valenti Bookbinder & Weintraub, LLP as the recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award.

Sweet Jenny's chocolates and ice cream has been a great story of success here in WNY and will soon reach its 30th year in business. In using a "charity based business model" Sweet Jenny's has utilized corporate giving to promote their brand on a local level and to provide ice cream and products to charity organizations and local food banks. I had the pleasure of visiting Sweet Jenny's and can attest the strength of their business and outreach in the community. It is my honor to commend this year's At Your Service Award recipient, Sweet Jenny's.

This impressive list of Small Businesses being honored at this year's Luncheon and Showcase deserve the extra recognition and I thank the Amherst Chamber of Commerce for bringing these distinguished business leaders together. It is through your actions that other business leaders have a guidepost for exemplary action. I wish you all continued success in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING HONORABLE JAMES
D. GREGG FOR 27 YEARS OF
SERVICE AS A BANKRUPTCY
JUDGE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable James D. Gregg and his commendable service to Michigan's Western District as a bankruptcy judge.

Judge Gregg served Michigan's Western District as a United States bankruptcy judge for 27 years. Further, his service to the state has been a long time commitment, as he has worked for Michigan communities for over 30 years.

After graduating from Wayne State University with his Juris Doctor, Judge Gregg chose to remain in Michigan to practice. He served as a partner of Varnum, Riddering, and Schmidt & Howlett in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1987, Judge Gregg was designated in The Best Lawyers in America. From 1995 to 2003, Judge Gregg worked with the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ultimately serving as the organizations president from 2002-2003.

Throughout his career, Judge Gregg has been committed to educating students and practitioners about bankruptcy law. From 1994-1997, Judge Gregg served as an adjunct professor and taught bankruptcy law courses at The Thomas Cooley Law School. He has also been an education chair, a speaker, or a panelist at more than one hundred and fifty educational seminars for bar associations and professional organizations throughout the United States. In 2013, the Bankruptcy Section of the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan inaugurated the "James D. Gregg Bankruptcy